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NAME OF DAM:	Farm Brook Site 2B Dam	_
TOWN:	Hamden	-
COUNTY AND STATE:	New Haven County, Connecticut	_
STREAM:	Farm Brook	_
DATE OF INSPECTION:	June 2, 1981	

#### Brief Assessment

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As per the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the Farm Brook Site 2B Dam is classified as 'Intermediate' in size with high hazard potential. A test

flood equal to the probable maximum flood (PMF) was selected in accordance with the Corps of Engineers' Guidelines. The calculated test flood inflow of 6000 cfs results in a routed outflow of 5980 cfs, of which 4130 cfs and 1850 cfs respectively pass over the spillways at site 2A and 2B dams. With the water level at the top of the site 2B Dam, the maximum spillway capacity is 3800 cfs which is 205% of its routed outflow 1850 cfs. The storage capacity of the reservoir at the top of the dam is 1190 ac. ft.

As the dam is a 'high' hazard potential, a breach may result in excessive economic loss and endangerment of more than a few lives. Therefore, an emergency operation plan, including a downstream warning system, should be prepared and implemented.

It is recommended that the owner employ a qualified registered engineer to do the following within one year of receipt of this report:

Determine the origin and significance of the seepage observed from the 8" outlet at the west side of the impact basin.

The recommendations given below and the remedial measures contained in Section 7 should be carried out by the owner within two years of receipt of this report. A qualified registered engineer should be employed by the owner to undertake the following two recommendations.

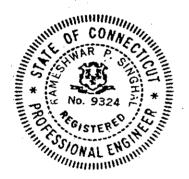
Evaluate the existing waterway located south of the dam considering the present and future flooding effects on the toe of the embankment and the need to riprap the remaining length of the waterway.

Inspect the dam during the time floodwater is impounded in the reservoir with particular attention to locating possible seepage.

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#### PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation: however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there by any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

The Phase I Investigation does <u>not</u> include an assessment of the need for fences, gates, no-trespassing signs, repairs to existing fences and railings and other items which may be needed to minimize trespass and provide greater security for the facility and safety to the pulic. An evaluation of the project for compliance with OSHA rules and regulations is also excluded.

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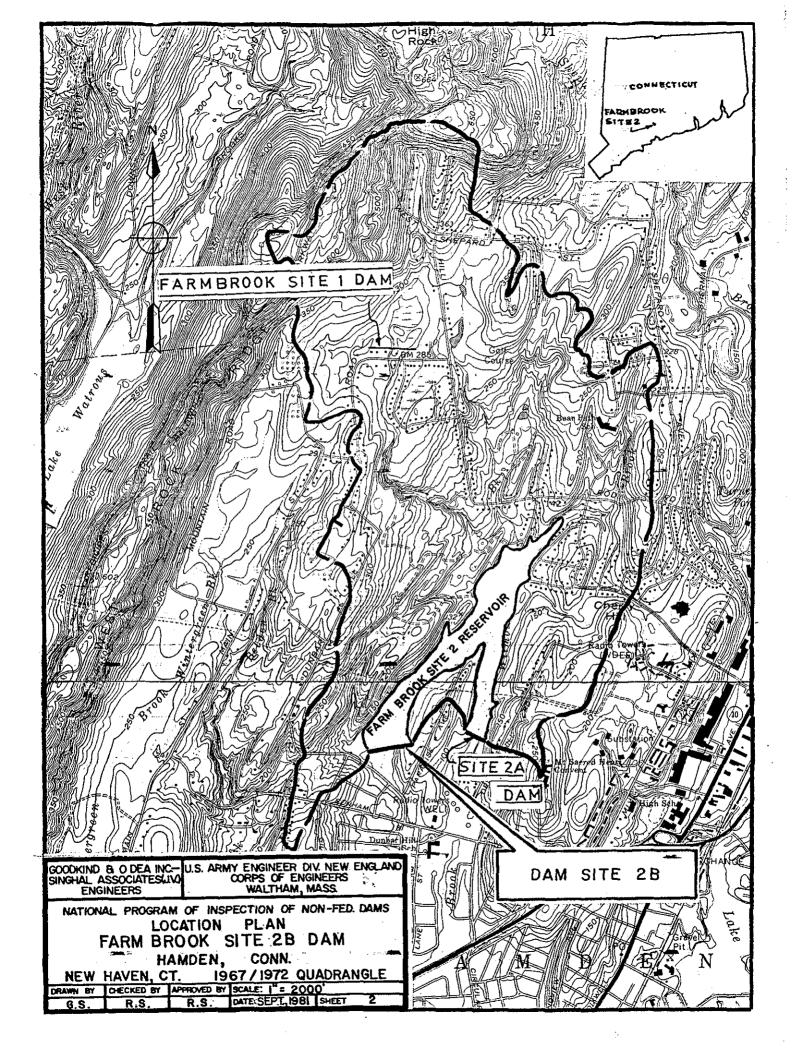
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# NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

# PROJECT INFORMATION Section 1

#### 1.1 GENERAL

#### a. Authority

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States, the New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Goodkind & O'Dea Inc., Hamden, Conn. and Singhal Associates, Orange, Connecticut (Joint Venture) have been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of Connecticut. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to Goodkind & O'Dea, Inc. and Singhal Associates (J.V.) under a letter of June 22, 1981 from Colonel William E. Hodgson, Jr., Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-81-C-0022 dated December 9, 1980 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

#### b. Purpose of Inspection

The purposes of the program are to:

- 1. Perform technical inspection and evaluation of nonfederal dams to identify conditions requiring correction in a timely manner by non-federal interest.
- Encourage and prepare the States to quickly initiate effective dam inspection programs for non-federal dams.

3. To update, verify and complete National Inventory of Dams

# 1.2 Description of Project

## a. Location

The Farm Brook Site 2B dam is situated on the Farm Brook in the watershed of the West River. The confluence with the West River is approximately 3.5 miles downstream. Location of the project is 0.3 miles northwest of WELI radio station and 1000 ft. north of the intersection of Paradise Ave. and Cooper Lane. The geographic location of the site may be found on the New Haven Quadrangle Map having coordinates of Latitude N 41°-22.2' and longitude W 72°-56.4'.

# b. Description of Dam and Appurtenant Structures

Farm Brook Site 2B Dam is one of two dams which impound floodwaters for the Farm Brook Site 2 Reservoir. Consisting of a grass covered earth embankment, the structure is approximately 1000 ft. long with a crest width of 14 ft. As shown on the typical dam section in Appendix B, the upstream slope is 3 horizontal to 1 vertical, whereas the downstream slope is 2.5 horizontal to 1 vertical. The crest elevation of the embankment is 107.7' (all elevations in report refer to NGVD) with a maximum height of 28 ft. Situated under the downstream embankment is a 3 ft. wide trench drain of varying depth, containing an 8" perforated pipe. The underdrain system outlets through three pipes of which two are located at the impact basin. (See general plan in Appendix B), In addition to the trench drain, there is also a 12 ft. wide cutoff trench, approximately 4 ft. deep centered under the embankment crest.

Located at the toe of the downstream slope of the dam is a waterway with a channel bottom varying from 3 to 6 ft. As indicated on the general plan in Appendix B, the waterway outlets into the downstream brook with two-thirds of the channel lined with riprap.

Serving as the low-level outlet, the reinforced concrete principal spillway consists of a three stage intake riser discharging through a 30 inch pipe under the dam embankment.

Approximately 144 ft. long, the pipe outlets into a 16 ft. long impact basin before flowing into the downstream channel. This channel is riprapped for a distance of 67 ft. of which the first 23 ft. is grouted (See profile along centerline of principal spillway in Appendix B).

The intake riser consists of a low and high level orifice and two riser crest weirs, which have invert elevations of 82.5', 85.5' and 96.5' respectively. Normally in the closed position, a sliding gate is located at the 15" x 15" low level orifice.

A steel plate, 2' wide by 1' high has been bolted across the lower half of the 2' x 2' high level orifice; thereby decreasing its effective size to 2' x 1'. Trash racks are located at both the high level orifice and the riser crest weirs. The upstream embankment slope in the vicinity of the intake riser is protected with grouted riprap up to an elevation of 87.0'.

Immediately east of the dam embankment is the emergency spillway which is a grassed trapezoidal channel, 90 ft. wide at its control section. Approximately 5.7 ft. below the top of dam, this level control section has a crest elevation of 102.0'.

The approach channel is at a grade of +2.0%, whereas the discharge channel has a grade of -2.5%. East of the spillway channel, the cut slope varies from 2½ to 3 horizontal to 1 vertical with a portion riprapped in the area of the access road (See general plan in Appendix B). Situated along the west side of the discharge channel is a small dike approximately 230 ft. in length with a top width of 10 ft. As indicated on Sheet B-3 in Appendix B, the crest elevation varies from 107.7' at the level section to 101.8' at the south end. The earthen embankment has slopes of 2 1/2 horizontal to 1 vertical with its east slope riprapped.

#### c. Size Classification: 'Intermediate'

According to the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, a dam is classified
'Intermediate' if either its height is between 40 and 100 ft. or
the storage volume is between 1000 and 50,000 ac. ft. or both.
The Farm Brook Site 2B Dam has a maximum height of 28 ft.
only, but the maximum storage is 1,190 ac. ft. As such it is
classified as 'Intermediate' in size.

#### d. Hazard Classification: 'High'

for Safety Inspection of Dams the hazard classification for Farm

Brook Site 2B Dam is 'High'. A dam failure analysis indicates
that a breach of the dam would result in a downstream flood flow
of approximately 94,000 cfs causing a 26 ft. high wave of water
to travel down the Farm Brook and its overbanks. Continuation
of the valley flood routing through the brook shows that at the
second cross-section 950 ft. down from the dam at the intersection
of Cooper Lane and Paradise Avenue, the flood flow and wave
heights are 87,000 cfs and 19 ft. respectively.

The depths of flow in the brook in the vicinity of 5 houses located on Cooper Lane on either side of its intersection with Megin Drive are 3 ft. under the pre-failure condition and 19 ft. under post-failure condition. None of these houses are subject to flooding under the test flood condition. Under dam failure condition, they will be flooded to depths of 1 to 5 ft. above their first flood elevation.

The dam failure would result in flooding of additional houses and streets. There is potential for 'excessive economic loss' and possible loss of more than a few lives.

# e. Ownership\_

The Farm Brook Reservoir and dams 2A and 2B are owned by:

The State of Connecticut
Department of Environmental Protection
State Office Building
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut. 06115
Telephone: (203) 566-7244/7245

## f. Operator:

Mr. Victor Galgowski Superintendent, Dam Maintenance D. E. P. (Water Resources Unit) 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Conn. 06115 Telephone: (203) 566-7244/7245

#### g. Purpose of Dam

The purpose of the dam is primarily for flood control.

#### h. Design and Construction History

The dam and appurtenant structures were designed in the year 1971 by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service. Dam construction was completed in the year 1977.

# i. Normal Operational Procedures

Operational procedures generally consists of surveillance during periods of unusually heavy runoff.

## 1.3 PERTINENT DATA

### a. Drainage Area

The drainage area for the Site 2 Reservoir consists of 2.63 sq. miles of moderately sloping to rolling terrain with an average slope of 4.6%. Elevations in the basin range from about 110 ft. to 680 ft. MSL. Farm Brook Site 1, a 1115 ft. long and 11 ft. high earth dam is situated within the drainage area of the Site 2 project (See Location Plan). Several town roads and residential homes are also located within this region.

# b. Discharge at Damsite

Two spillway facilities exist at the damsite. The principal spillway consists of a three stage reinforced concrete intake riser and a 144 ft. long 30" reinforced concrete pipe under the dam embankment. The emergency spillway is a trapezoidal grassed channel, 90 ft. wide at the control section and located at the east end of the dam.

1.	Outlet works (conduits) size:	1-30" RCP
	Low level inlet, invert elevation High level inlet, invert elevation Inlet weirs, crest elevation: Discharge capacity at test flood: Elevation:	82.5 85.5 96.5 120 cfs 105.4
2.	Maximum known flood at damsite:	Unknown

	Paris / Color (No. 1)	Principal Spillway (cfs)	Emergency Spillway (cfs)	Total (cfs)
3. Un	gated spillway car at top of dam	pacity n: 130	3670	3800
	Elevation:			107.7

			Principal Spillway (cfs)	Emergency Spillway (cfs)	Total (cfs)
	4.	Ungated spillway capacity at test flood elevation Elevation	: 120	+ 1730 =	1850 105.4
	5.	Gated spillway capacity at normal pool elevation	n:		N/A
	6.	Gated spillway capacity at test flood elevation			N/A
	7.	Total spillway capacity at test flood elevation Elevation:	: 120	+ 1730 =	1850 105.4
	8.	Total project discharge at top of dam: Elevation:	130	+ 3670	3800 107.7
	9.	Total project discharge at test flood elevation Elevation:	: 120	+ 1730 =	1850 105.4
c.	Ele	vation (NGVD):	,		
	1.	Streambed at toe of dam:		80	0.0
,	2.	Bottom of cutoff:		73	7.0
	3.	Maximum tailwater:		, N,	/A
•	4.	Normal Pool:		. 85	5.5
·	5.	Full flood control pool:		10	02.0
	6.	Spillway crest:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	96.5 h	(Emergency) (Principal - igh level nlet weir)
	7.	Design surcharge (original de	sign):	10	05.7
	8.	Top of Dam:		10	7.7
	9.	Test flood surcharge	•	10	05.4
đ.	Res	ervoir Length in Feet			
	1.	Normal pool:		13	L00 .
	2.	Flood control pool:	<b>.</b>	60	000
***·	3.	Spillway crest pool  Emergency spillway:  Principal spillway  (Riser crest weirs)			700

	4.	Top of Dam:	6400
	5.	Test flood pool:	6300
e.	Sto	rage (Acre-Feet)	
	ı.	Normal pool:	18
	2.	Flood control pool:	720
	3.	Spillway crest pool Emergency spi Principal spi (Riser crest	llway
	4.	Top of dam:	1,190
	5.		1,000
f.	Res	servoir Surface - Acres	
	1.	Normal pool:	8
	2.	Flood control pool:	80
	3.	Spillway crest Emergency spi Principal spi	
		(Riser crest	
	4.	Top of Dam:	120
	5.	Test flood pool:	106
g.	Dam	<u>l_</u> .	
	1.	Type:	Earth embankment
	2.	Length:	1,000 ft.
	3.	Height:	28 ft.
	4.	Top Width:	14.0 ft.
	5.	Side slopes:	3 hor. to 1 vert. (upstream) 2½ hor. to 1 vert. (downstream)
	6.	Zoning:	None. Entire section made of compacted fill.
	7.	Impervious core:	N/A
	8.	Cutoff:	12 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep cutoff trench
	9.	Grout curtain:	N/A
	10.	Other:	N/A

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel

i	Sp	i	1	1	w	aν	

j.

Other:

Spillway			
		Principal Spillway	Emergency Spillway
1.	Type:	Drop inlet structure consisting of a three stage reinforced concrete intake riser with a 30" reinforced concrete pipe.	Grassed trapezoidal channel
2.	Length of crest:	15 ft. (high level inlet weir)	90 ft. at the control section.
3.	Crest Elevation:		
	w/ flashboar w/o flashboa		N/A 102.0
4.	Gates	N/A	N/A
5.	Upstream Channel:	Farm Brook (natural channel)	N/A
6.	Downstream Channel:	16 ft. long impact basin leading to nature channel with 67' of re	N/A cal iprap
7.	General:	N/A	N/A
Regulating Outlets:			
1.	Invert		82.5
2.	Size		15" x 15"
3.	Description		Low level outlet which normally remains closed
4.	Control Mechanism		Stainless steel sliding gate located at inner wall of intake riser with gate stem extending to top of structure.

N/A

N/A

#### ENGINEERING DATA

#### Section 2

# 2.1 Design Data

In 1971, the United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service prepared a design report and design plans for Farm Brook Site 2, which consists of two dams, Site 2A and Site 2B. Entitled "Farmbrook Site No. 2", the design report includes hydrologic and hydraulic data and computations, geology report, soil testing report and dam stability analysis. Several pages of the report and logs of two typical drill holes pertaining to Site 2B Dam have been copied and are given in Appendix B.

# 2.2 Construction Data

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service completed the "As-Built" drawings for Farm Brook Site 2B Dam in August, 1977. These drawings, which are part of the overall Site 2 Watershed Project, have been reviewed and found to show good agreement with the visual inspection. Certain details have been copied from the drawings and are included in Appendix B.

### 2.3 Operational Data

Normally, a small pool with a water elevation in the proximity of the high orifice invert exists behind the dam embankment. Water level readings are not taken of this normal pool, nor during flood impoundments. Although there are no formal operation records, a log book of the dam is kept by the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection. According to the owner, the reservoir level has never risen to the emergency spillway

crest. There is also a general Operation and Maintenance
Handbook which was prepared by the U.S. Soil Conservation
Service for this dam and similar projects.

#### 2.4 Evaluation

#### a. Availability

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service, who designed and constructed the dam and the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, who are the owners, provided the available existing data. Location of the available data is included in Appendix B.

# b. Adequacy

When coupled with the visual inspection, the engineering data available was generally adequate to perform an assessment of the dam.

# c. Validity

A comparison of the record data and visual observations reveals no significant discrepancies in the record data.

# VISUAL INSPECTION Section 3

#### 3.1 Findings

#### a. General

Engineers from Goodkind & O'Dea Inc. and Singhal Associates performed a formal field inspection of Farm Brook Site 2B Dam on June 2, 1980. Included in Appendix A, are detailed checklists which aided in the inspection of the dam and spillways. In addition, photographs of these dam features and the problem areas were taken and are given in Appendix C with the photo location plan.

The project is in good condition with several areas requiring minor maintenance and/or monitoring. At the time of the inspection, the reservoir pool elevation was 85.3', which was two-tenths of a foot below the original high orifice invert elevation.

#### b. Dam

Farm Brook Site 2B Dam is an earthfill embankment with a foundation drain trench underlying the downstream slope. The vertical and horizontal alignment of the embankment appeared good with no indication of movement (see Photos 1,2 & 3).

Moderate rutting was observed along the crest of the dam as shown in Photo 2. In addition to these vehicular ruts, several areas of exposed earth with signs of minor erosion were noted on the crest. As indicated on the general plan in Appendix B, a narrow footpath was located on the downstream dam embankment. This trail was lacking vegetative cover and appeared to be slightly eroded. The embankment crest and slopes were covered with a stable growth of vetch with the exception of the

areas previously noted.

Inspection of the downstream embankment slope and toe did not reveal any areas of seepage or sloughing. However, since the upstream pool elevation was only 3.5 feet higher than the downstream water level, a conclusive determination of the seepage conditions could not be completed. In addition, only one-half of the dam embankment was retaining water as shown in the Overview Photo.

8" pipes as given on the general plan in Appendix B. One pipe, which is approximately 100 feet west of the footpath, was covered and could not be located and therefore was not inspected.

Outletting into the concrete impact basin, the two remaining pipes were fully submerged at the time of the inspection.

An appreciable amount of seepage was observed to be flowing from the west outlet into the concrete structure. Seepage flow from this outlet was clear and did not appear to be carrying any soil particles. The eastern outlet pipe at the impact basin was clean with no indication of seepage.

Varying from 20 to 40 ft. south of the dam embankment is an excavated waterway which outlets into a downstream channel (see Photo 3). As shown on the general plan in Appendix B, two sections of the waterway are riprapped which appeared stable and are overgrown with weeds. The unlined channel section also appeared stable, with evidence of minor sediment accumulation.

# c. Appurtenant Structures

Principal Spillway

The normal reservoir inflow and the impounded

stormwater runoff passes under the dam embankment through the principal spillway. This reinforced concrete structure consists of a three stage intake riser, 30 dnch pipe and impact basin. As shown in Photos 4 and 5, the intake riser was in good condition with no concrete cracking or spalling. Steel trash racks at the crest riser and high orifice were well painted and appeared to be structurally sound. Debris, such as tree branches and a small plywood board had accumulated at the high orifice level. Approximately 1' X 2', the plywood board was caught between the trash rack and concrete riser and could possibly obstruct flow to the orifice during high water conditions. The slide gate at the low orifice, which was not operated, was closed and fully submerged, preventing its inspection. Directly behind the intake riser, there is a grouted riprap area which is stable and in good condition (see Photo 4).

As shown in Photos 6 and 7, the reinforced concrete impact basin is in good condition. There was no visible cracking or spalling with the exception of the broken concrete at the base of two fence posts. The west section of the chain linked fence is tilted resulting from the deteriorated concrete condition. Immediately downstream of the impact basin is a riprapped area of which the first 23 feet is grouted and in good condition. The 44 ft. non-grouted riprapped section was also stable, but overgrown with weeds.

# Emergency Spillway

Abutting the east end of the dam is the emergency spillway which generally was in good condition. The east cut slope and spillway floor were covered with a stable growth of grass

as shown in Photo 8. Riprapped areas along this cut slope and the rock lined diversion, north of the spillway appeared stable with no signs of failure. Groundwater seepage under the spillway approach channel is controlled by a drain trench as indicated on the general plan in Appendix B. The drain trench outlets through a 10" corrugated metal pipe onto a riprapped area. With animal guards in place, the pipe was dry and clean with the riprapped area remaining stable.

Along the west side of the spillway is an earthfill dike which is protected from scouring by a stable riprapped slope. Exposed earth was observed on the grass covered crest and west embankment slope of the dike. Minor slope erosion associated with the bare earthen areas was noted at the north end of the dike as shown in Photo 8.

#### d. Reservoir Area

The reservoir area for Farm Brook Site 2B Dam primarily consists of open grasslands and wooded areas (see Photo 4). Since the slide gate at the low flow orifice is normally closed, a small pool area exists behind the reservoir area, which serves as a wildlife preserve. Several residential homes border the reservoir which is also part of the Farm Brook Site 2 Watershed Project.

#### e. Downstream Channel

The channel downstream from the impact basin is generally open with no build-up of brush or debris. Minor weed growth was noted in the channel and along its slopes as shown in Photo 7. At the confluence of the downstream waterway, sediment has accumulated, which is partially obstructing

the channel flow.

# 3.2 Evaluation

As assessed by the visual inspection, the condition of the dam and appurtenant structures was good with no observed stability problems. The rutted and bare earthen areas along the crest and/or slopes of the dam and spillway dike embankment were the primary problems noted. Continued deterioration at these areas will have an adverse effect on the structural stability of the project.

Observations revealed seepage flow from the 8 inch outlet at the concrete impact basin. Such a problem could be the result of infiltration through and/or under the dam embankment, which could possibly lead to slope sloughing and structural instability.

At the time of the inspection, the upstream water level was only three and one-half feet above the downstream level.

Also, only one-half of the dam embankment was retaining water; therefore, a conclusive determination of the seepage conditions that may exist under high water conditions, could not be completed.

#### OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

#### Section 4

# 4.1 Operational Procedures

#### a. General

Operational procedures for Farm Brook Site 2B

Dam generally consist of dam surveillance during periods of
heavy stormwater runoff. Inspections of the dam and its features
are completed at these times, by a representative of the State
of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection. Brush
and debris are kept free from the intake risers' trash racks
to prevent unnecessary water build-up. Although reservoir
pool levels are not taken, informal records of the project are
registered in a log book.

The steel slide gate at the low flow orifice of the intake riser is not operated on a regular basis and normally remains in the closed position.

b. <u>Description of Warning Systems in Effect</u>
 There are no warning systems in effect.

# 4.2 <u>Maintenance Procedures</u>

### a. General

Maintenance of the dam and appurtenant structures is the responsibility of the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection. The dam embankment and emergency spillway are mowed annually by the State. In addition, the upstream and downstream channel are cleared of brush and debris, as necessary.

Inspection of Farm Brook Site 2B Dam occurs on an annual basis and is undertaken by representatives from the State

of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Soil Conservation Service. The general condition of the project is assessed and recommendations for necessary repairs and/or maintenance work are given.

#### b. Operating Facilities

Construction, operation and structural repair of the flood control works is the responsibility of the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection.

# 4.3 Evaluation

Generally, the operational and maintenance procedures are satisfactory, but some areas do require improvement. The U.S. Soil Conservation Service prepared a general Operation and Maintenance Handbook for this dam and similar projects. Although the handbook is adequate, additional procedures such as recording maximum pool levels during flood and developing a downstream emergency warning system should be undertaken by the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The State should also institute a comprehensive program of inspection to be undertaken on an annual basis by a registered professional engineer qualified in dam inspection.

# EVALUATION OF HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC FEATURES SECTION 5

#### 5.1 General

Farm Brook Reservoir has a contributory drainage area of 2.63 sq. mi. which is moderately sloping to rolling terrain with average slope of 4.6%. Part of this area is developed with several town roads and residential homes.

Spillways at Farm Brook Sites 2A and 2B dams both act together to pass the floodwaters from the reservoir to the downstream areas.

Under Farm Brook Site 2B Dam, there is a 30-inch outlet pipe, with a three-stage reinforced concrete intake riser on the upstream side; acting as the principal spillway. A trapezoidal grassed channel, 90 ft. wide at the control section serves as the emergency spillway. With the pool level at the dam crest, the total spillway capacity is 3800 cfs, whereas at the test flood elevation 105.4', the capacity is 1850 cfs. The crest elevation of the dam is 107.7' which is 5.7 ft. higher than the emergency spillway crest elevation of 102.0'.

#### 5.2 Design Data

Detailed plans, the as-built drawings and the design report are available at the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, Storrs, Connecticut. Required design data are contained therein.

The design test flood inflow for the Farm Brook Reservoir was 7200 cfs and the routed outflow was 5200 cfs with the design high water elevation in the reservoir computed to be 105.7, giving a freeboard of 2.0 ft.

#### 5.3 Experience Data

No records are kept of reservoir levels during the times that water is impounded in the Farm Brook Reservoir.

#### 5.4 Test Flood Analysis

Based on the dam failure analysis, the Farm Brook Reservoir
Site 2B Dam is classified as being 'high' hazard potential in
accordance with the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines
for Safety Inspection of Dams. The test flood should be equal
to the probable maximum flood (PMF) which was accordingly adopted
for analysis.

An inflow peak rate of runoff was calculated for 2.63 square miles of watershed area using a runoff coefficient with a value intermediate between the 'flat & coastal' and 'rolling' terrain curves. The peak inflow rate of 1500 cfs per square miles (csm) was accordingly adopted resulting in a runoff of 4000 cfs. A dam failure outflow of 2000 cfs from the Farm Brook Site 1 project was added to this value resulting in a total PMF of 6000 cfs.

A triangular hydrograph was constructed using the methodology given in the 'Hydrology, Section 4, SCS National Engineering Handbook.' The peak inflow rate of 6,000 cfs with a total runoff of 19.0 inches for the PMF were used to construct the inflow hydrograph.

Flood routing through the reservoir was done with an initial water elevation of 96.5' which was at the crest of the intake riser weir at the principal spillway. The test flood produced a routed outflow discharge of 5980 cfs out of which 4130 cfs will pass over the site 2A spillways and 1850 cfs over the site 2B spillways. The routed outflow 1850 cfs is considerably less

than the maximum spillway capacity of 3800 cfs at the site 2B, the latter being 205% of the former. Considering the peak test flood pool elevation of 105.4' freeboard to the top of the dam is 2.3 ft.

## 5.5 Dam Failure Analysis

A dam failure analysis was made in accordance with the Corps of Engineers' Guidelines. Failure was assumed with the water level at the test flood elevation of 105.4'. Assuming a dam breach 400 ft. wide (40% of dam length) and 27 ft. high, the peak release rate was 94,000 cfs.

The height of the flood wave was approximately 25.5 ft. at the first cross-section (station 3+0). One more cross-section 950 ft. down from the dam was analyzed. Flood routing computation were done taking into consideration the available valley storage. The resulting flood elevations and the values of the routed flood flows are given in Appendix D. At the second cross-section (sta. 9+50) the flow is 87,000 cfs and the wave height 19 ft. which have considerable potential of causing substantial flooding of the populated areas south of Cooper Lane.

The depths of flow in the brook in the vicinity of 5 houses shown in the drainage area map within the approximate flooding limits are 3 ft. (pre-failure) and 19 ft. (post-failure). These houses located on Cooper Lane are not subject to flooding under test flood conditions. Under dam failure condition, they will be flooded to depths of 1 to 5 feet above their first flood elevations.

Many houses, streets and town roads will be flooded as a

result of dam breach. The economic loss may be 'excessive' and 'more than a few' lives may be lost. As such the Farm Brook Site 2B dam is classified as 'high' hazard potential.

Dam breach calculations are included in Appendix D.

#### EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

#### Section 6

### 6.1 Visual Observations

The visual inspection revealed no structural stability problems; however, three areas of concern were noted. Rutting and exposed earth areas resulting from vehicular trespassing were observed along the crest and/or slopes of the dam and spillway dike embankment. There was minor erosion associated with these areas which could diminish the embankment stability if not controlled.

Seepage flow was observed from the submerged western drain outlet at the impact basin. The source of this flow may be normal embankment and/or foundation seepage; however, since there was no indication of seepage from the eastern outlet, the western outlet flow could be the result of a localized problem. This seepage condition may suggest that a weak area exists within the embankment which could have an adverse effect on its future stability.

Flow from a 36" stormwater culvert, west of the dam, outlets into a partially riprapped waterway located south of the dam. Varying from 20 to 40 ft. of the embankment toe, the waterway is subjected to flooding and scouring during periods of heavy runoff which may pose a danger to the toe of the dam. Although such a condition does not currently exist, a study to evaluate the effects of flooding on the toe of the dam and considering the need to riprap the remaining length is adviseable.

## 6.2 Design and Construction Data

Review of the data available indicates that the dam and spillway were adequately designed for structural stability.

## 6.3 Post Construction Changes

A diversion channel in the upper reservoir area was originally constructed in conjunction with Farm Brook Site 2A Dam.

Part of the natural flow to Site 2A Dam was diverted to Site 2B Dam to equalize the water inflow to the reservoir areas.

Following completion of the project, observations revealed a greatly diminished flow to Site 2A Dam, with an increase in flooding downstream of Site 2B Dam. Therefore, in June 1978, a closure dike was constructed across the diversion channel and two short channels were excavated which returned the brook flow to its original natural drainage pattern. In addition, a 1' x 2' steel plate was bolted across the lower half of the high orifice, resulting in a reduced size opening which decreased the frequency of downstream flooding. The available data does not indicate any other post construction changes.

## 6.4 Seismic Stability

Farm Brook Site 2B Dam is located in Seismic Zone No. 1, and in accordance with Corps of Engineers guidelines, and does not warrant further seismic analysis at this time.

## ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

## Section 7

### 7.1 Project Assessment

#### a. Condition

As assessed by the visual inspection of the site, review of available data and past performance, the project appears to be in good condition. There was no indication of structural instability, but there are areas requiring maintenance and/or monitoring.

Based on the "Preliminary Guidance for Estimating Maximum Probable Discharge" dated March 1978, peak inflow to the Site 2 Reservoir is 6000 cfs; peak outflow at the Site 2B Dam is 1850 cfs with the water level 2.3 feet below the crest of the dam. With the reservoir water level to the top of dam, the spillway capaciaty is 3,800 cfs which is approximately 205% of the routed test flood outflow.

## b. Adequacy of Information

An assessment of the condition and stability of the project can be made with the available information.

#### c. Urgency

It is recommended that measure 7.2.2 be implemented within one year of the owner's receipt of this report. The remaining recommendations in Section 7.2 and the remedial measures in Section 7.3 should be carried out within two years.

#### 7.2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the owner employ a qualified registered engineer to:

1. Inspect the dam during the time that floodwater is

impounded in the reservoir with particular attention to locating possible seepage;

- 2. Determine the origin and significance of the seepage observed from the 8" outlet at the west side of the impact basin.
- 3. Evaluate the existing waterway located south of the dam considering the present and future flooding effects on the toe of the embankment and the need to riprap the remaining length of the waterway.

The owner should implement the recommendations of the engineer.

### 7.3 Remedial Measures

- a. Operation and Maintenance Procedures

  The following measures should be undertaken by the owner and continued on a regular basis.
  - Develop and implement a downstream warning system to be used in case of emergencies at the dam.
  - 2. Record maximum pool levels during flood impoundment for future reference.
  - 3. Institute a comprehensive program of inspection to be undertaken on a biennial basis by a registered professional engineer qualified in dam inspection.

    Inspection of the project should be conducted in the Spring at a time when there is minimal vegetative cover.
  - 4. Restore vegetation on the bare earthen areas along the crests and slopes of the dam and emergency spillway dike embankments.
  - 5. Fill in vehicular ruts along the crest of the dam embankment and reestablish sod and vegetation.

- 6. Locate and, if required, clean out the 8" outlet pipe situated approximately 100 feet west of the noted footpath.
- 7. Repair concrete at foundation of fence post on concrete impact basin.
- 8. Remove brush and debris from the trash rack at the high orifice.
- 9. Remove sediment that has accumulated at the confluence of the downstream channel and the waterway.
- 10. Ensure the operability of the slide gate at the low level orifice on an annual basis.
- 11. Control access at project to discourage vehicular trespassing.

### 7.4 Alternatives

This study has identified no practical alternatives to the above recommendations.

## APPENDIX A

## INSPECTION CHECKLIST

## VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

	$\cdot$
ROJECT Farm Brook Site 2B Dam	DATE June 2, 1981
	TIME Afternoon
	WEATHER Cloudy 70's
·	W.S. ELEV. 85.3±U.S. 82± DN.S.
ARTY:	MSL
Wesley J WOLF (WW)	Hydraulics & Survey
Larry J. Buckley (LB)	Geotechnical
Ramesh P. Singhal (RS)	Hydraulics
Gerald F. Buckley (GB)	Soils & Structures
Glenn Scallia (GS)	· Structures
PROJECT FEATURE	INSPECTED BY
Dam Embankment (Farthfil	1) WW. LB. RS. GB. GS
Principal Spillway - Intake Ris	
Principal Spillway-Impact Bo	
Emergency Spillway	WW.LB,RS,GB,GS
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ROJECT	Farm	Brook Site	2B Dam
PROJECT	FEATURE	Earth Fill	Dam:

NAME WW. LB, RS, GB, GS
NAME

PROJECT FEATURE Earth Fill Dam
DISCIPLINE
AREA ELEVATED
DAM EMBANKMENT
Crest Elevation
Current Pool Elevation
Maximum Impoundment to Date
Surface Cracks
Payement Conditions
Movement or settlement of crest
Lateral movement
Vertical alignment
Horizontal alignment
Conditions at abutment & at Comcrete Structures
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes
Trespassing on Slopes
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments
Rock Slope Protection-Riprap Failures
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage
Piping or Boils
Foundation Drainage Features -
Toe Drains
Instrumentation System

Instrumentation System

CONDITIONS 107.7' MSL 85.3' MSL Unknown None Observed N/A Deep.ruts 6" with low areas (6"-8") Bare Areas None O.K. Good N/A One path on downstream side -Bare areas-minon exosion Erosion at worn path on DIS Slope Grouted riprap at intake riser in good condition None None None

8" outlet at middle of dam could not be located. 8" outlets

at Impact Basin were under water, Seepage was flowing out of West outlet, None observed from east outlet

**A-**

## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT FEATURE Intake Risers

DISCIPLINE Reservoir Area

NAME W/W, LB, RS, GB, GS
NAME

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#### CONDITION

# OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE

a. Approach Channel

Slope Conditions

Bottom Conditions

Rock Slides or Falls

Log Boom

Debris

Condition of concrete lining

Drains or Weep Holes

b . Intake Structure

Condition of Concrete

Stop Logs and Slots

Reservoir Area was clean with virtually no Floating debris

Good Condition; Little debris at intake riser. water level was a .2 St. below the high Flow orifice weir Low Flow orifice was closed and under water Grouted area at riser was in good condition

### PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT	Farm	Brook	Site	2B	Dam
PROJECT	FEATURE	Impac	T Ba	sin	<del>à</del>
DISCIPL	INF	Impar	ream	Ch	annel

NAME WW, LB, RS, GR, GS

#### AREA EVALUATED

#### CONDITION

## OUTLET WORKS - OUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL

General Condition of Concrete

Rust or Staining

Spalling.

Erosion or cavitation

Visible reinforcing

Any Seepage of Efflorescence

Condition at Joints

Drain Holes

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Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging Channel

Condition of Discharge Channel

Good, except for cracked concrete at base of West None None

None Observed None Observed

None

Flow was coming out of west outlet drain which was also submenged None

Good - Minor weed growth

\* West Fence was tilted. (Two most southern poles.

### PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT	Farm	Brook	Site?	2.B	Dam	DATE	June	<u>2.,</u>	1981	<del></del>
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DISCIPLI	NE					NAME				

## OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS

a. Approach Channel (Before Crest)

AREA EVALUATED

General Condition

Loose rock overhanging channel

Trees Overhanging Channel

Floor of Approach Channel

b. Weir and trailing walls

General Condition of Concrete

Rust or Staining

Spalling

Any Visible Reinforcing

Any Seepage or Efflorescence

Drain Holes

c. Discharge Channel (After Crest including Level Section)
General Condition

Loose Rock Overhanging Channel

Trees Overhanging Channel

Floor of Channel

-Other Obstructions

\*\* Earth exposed on crest, DIS & U/S of dike on west side of Level Section.

Minor erosion associated with bare areas

CONDITION

Good \*\*

None

None

Good stable growth of grass

N/A

Good; \*

None

Large tree at Southwest Corner Good stable growth of grass.

\* Dike along west side of discharge channel was bare on crest & along west slope. No evidence of an erosion problem. Riprap on East slope was stable

## APPENDIX B

ENGINEERING DATA

## ENGINEERING DATA CHECKLIST

ITEM	AVAILABILITY	LOCATION
LOCATION MAP	Available	USGS Map
AS-BUILT DRAWINGS	Available	U.S. Soil Conservation Service Storrs, CT.
HYDROLOGIC & HYDRAULIC DATA	Available in Design Report	
SOIL BORINGS	Available in Design Report	
SOIL TESTING	Available in Design Report	
GEOLOGY REPORTS	Available in Design Report	· . <b>.</b>
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	Not Available	
OPERATION RECORDS	Not Available	
INSPECTION HISTORY	Available	State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection
DESIGN REPORT	Available	U.S. Soil Conservation Service Storrs, CT.
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS	•	
HYDROLOGIC & HYDRAULIC	Available in Design Report	
DAM STABILITY	Available in Design Report	
SEEPAGE ANALYSIS	Available in Design Report	

#### LOCATION

This floodwater retarding site is located on Farm Brook in the Town of Hamden, Connecticut, and consists of two individual dams. Site 2A is located on Farm Brook on the east side of Paradise Avenue approximately 2000 feet north of Benham Street. Site 2B is located on a tributary of Farm Brook on the west side of Paradise Avenue approximately 500 feet north of Cooper Lane. Refer to sheet 3 of this report for the site locations referenced to the USGS New Haven Quadrangle.

#### DESIGN

This structure is the main floodwater retarding structure proposed for this watershed. It is in series with an upstream, Class b, multiple-purpose structure. It will retard the runoff from a storm which has a frequency in excess of 100-years without discharge occurring through the emergency spillway.

Elevations of the various structural elements and the related determining factors are listed on sheet 5 of this report. The emergency spillway crest elevation was established approximately 3 feet above the routed peak elevation due to physical limitations at the dam sites.

The design of Site 2 neglected any beneficial effects induced by Site 1, as Site 1 is a Class b structure. However, the effect of a failure at Site 1 due to the occurrence of a Class c emergency spillway design storm on the watershed was considered during the design of Site 2.

A connecting channel from Farm Brook directed toward Site 2B will aid in the simultaneous filling of the two flood pools. It will also aid in preventing flow across Paradise Avenue at the Farm Brook crossing due to the more frequent, short-duration storms.

#### REFERENCES

Criteria and procedures used in this design are given in the following Soil Conservation Service Publications:

National Engineering Memorandum No. 27 Limiting Criteria for the Design of Earth Dams

No. 50 Drop Inlet Spillway Standards

No. 4 Hydrology

No. 5 Hydraulics

No. 6 Structural Design

No. 8 Geology

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	HYDROI	OGIC CRI	TERIA AN	ND ROUTIN	IG RESUL	TS		
ELEMENT	DETERMINING		SURFACE	STOR	RAGE	IN	PEAK	
OF STRUCTURE	FACTOR	ELEVATION	AREA ACRES	ACRE FEET	INCHES*	VOLUME INCHES	PEAK RATE C. F. S.	OUTFLOW C. F. S.
INVERT OF ORIFICE	50-yr. Sediment accumulation	85.5	12.5	28	0.20	<b>-</b>	-	<b>-</b>
CREST OF RISER	100-Yr.,6-hr. Storm	96.5	56.0	348 1/	2.48	2.81	1,375	105
GREST OF EMERGENCY	100-yr.,10-day Storm	99.3	70.8	537 <u>1</u> /	₹ 3.83	8.63	1,651	186
SPILLWAY	(Crest elevation used)	102.0	80.1	720 1/	5.14	8.63#	1,651+	201
DESIGN HIGH WATER	16.5" rainfall, 2/ 6-hr. duration	105.7	104.7	890 1/	6.35	15.0	7,189	5,200
TOP OF DAM 3/	Design high water 2/ elevation plus 2 feet	107.7	<b>-</b>	1,190 1/	8.49 <u>4</u> /	21.9 <u>4</u> /	10,562 4/	8,374 <u>4</u> /

<sup>\*</sup> Volume expressed in inches of runoff from controlled watershed area of 1,682 acres.

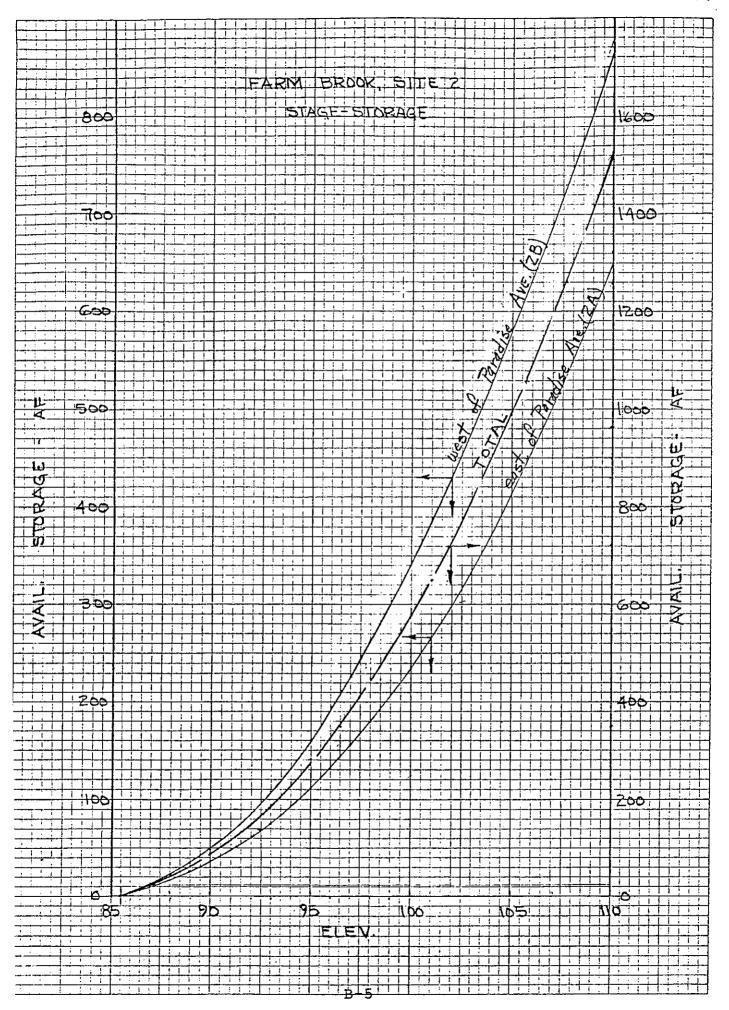
<sup>1/</sup> Does not include sediment storage
2/ State of Connecticut Water Resources Criteria
3/ Maximum elevation as determined by (a) routing SCS Freeboard Storm

<sup>(</sup>b) design high water elevation plus 2 feet

<sup>4/</sup> Value obtained from SCS freeboard routing.

## FARM BROOK SITE 2 STRUCTURE SUMMARY TABLE

			S BUILT XISTING		WITH ORIFICE PLATE			
I T EM	UNIT	S t	ructure 2A	28	2	Structur 2A	e 2B	
Orifice Size	Ft.		2 X 2	2 X 2		2 X 2	2 X 1	
Orifice Weir Elevation	Ft.	- -	83.5	85.5	-	83.5	85.5	
Peak Outflow at Elevation 96.5' (Riser Crest)	cfs	129	67	62	98	67	31	
Drawdown Time Elevation 102.0' - 96.5'	days	. 1.15	-	, <del>-</del>	1.22		•	
Drawdown Time Elevation 96.5' - 85.5'	days	-	, 	2.61	-	<b></b>	5.45	
Drawdown Time Elevation 102.0 - 85.5	days	3.76	£	-	6.67	<b></b>	~	



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE - Soil Mechanics Laboratory

800 "J" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

MECT: ENG 22-5, Connecticut WP-08, Farm Brook Site No. 2B (New Haven County)

DATE May 0, 1970

TO: T. R. Wire, State Conservation Engineer SCS, Storrs, Connecticut

#### ATTACHMENTS

1. Form SCS-354, Soil Mechanics Laboratory Data, 1 sheet.

- 2. Form SCS-352, Compaction and Penetration Resistance, 3 sheets.
- 3. Form SCS-357, Summary Slope Stability Analysis, 2 sheets.
- 4. Investigational Plans and Profiles.
- 5. Form SCS-130, Drain Materials, 1 sheet.

#### DISCUSSION

#### FOUNDATION

A. Classification. Sandy till outwash materials and alluvial deposits blanket the 800-foot wide floodplain to depths greater than 40 feet. The surface one to 4 feet is organic, low-density material.

The disturbed sample 70W1226 (6+25) from the 1.5 to 2.5-foot depths at dam \$\psi\$ station 6+25 is an SM material with 43% fines, a liquid limit of 20 and a plasticity index of 2. Sample 70W1227 (12+25) from the 2 to 4.3-foot depths at Station 12+25 is an SC-SM material with 49% fines, a liquid limit of 24 and a plasticity index of 6.

The gently sloping abutments have 10 to 20 feet of till materials overlying sandstone bedrock.

B. Dry Unit Weight. Standard penetration tests yielded blow counts of 11 to 65 blows per foot in the saturated sandy floodplain materials. The average blow count was generally in the range of 20 to 25 blows/foot.

The surface organic materials had blow counts of 2 to 7 blows/foot.

C. Consolidation. The average consolidation potential of the upper 20 feet of the sandy floodplain materials is estimated to be approximately 3% under the load of the proposed 23-foot high embankment.

The consolidation potential of the organic surface materials will probably be extremely high.

D. Permeability. Field permeability tests in the sandy floodplain materials yielded permeability rates of zero to 0.17 ft/day.

The water table was at or near the ground surface.

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E. Shear Strength. The shear strength of the low-blow-count surface organic materials is assumed to be too weak to support the proposed embankment.

The shear strength of the high-blow-count, sandy floodplain materials under the organic surface material is assumed to be greater than that of the compacted embankment materials.

#### EMBANKMENT MATERIALS

- Classification. The 3 borrow samples submitted from this site vary from SP-SM material to ML material. The SP-SM sample 70W1228 (129) contains 8% fines. The SM sample 70W1229 (134) contains 32% fines and has a liquid limit of 21 and a plasticity index of 3. The ML sample 70W1230 (135) contains 68% fines and has a liquid limit of 26 and a plasticity index of 3.
- Compacted Dry Density. Standard Proctor compaction tests (ASTM D-698, Method A) were made on the minus No. 4 fraction of the 3 borrow samples submitted. The maximum dry densities were 124.5 pcf, 122.5 pcf, and 109.0 pcf, respectively, for the SP-SM, SM, and ML samples. Respective optimum moisture contents were 9.5%, 11.5%, and 17.0%.
  - Shear Strength. Shear strength of the borrow materials at compacted densities of 95% of standard Proctor are expected to be adequate for the proposed 30-foot high embankment.

Similar SM material from Site No. 1 at 95% of Standard density yielded saturated total stress shear parameters of  $\emptyset = 36.5^{\circ}$  and c = 150 psf. The adjacent Site 2A had shear parameters of  $\emptyset = 33^{\circ}$  and c = 625 psf for test specimens compacted to 95% of standard Proctor density with moisture contents that were 85% of theoretical saturation.

#### SLOPE STABILITY

The stability of the proposed embankment was checked using the Laboratory slope stability charts. An embankment-only analysis of the 3:1 upstream slope yielded a safety factor of 2.0 for the full drawdown analysis. The downstream 22:1 slope without a drain yielded a safety factor of 1.85 for the steady seepage condition.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Site Preparation. Removal of the surface one to 4 feet of soft organic silt is recommended unless it is sampled and tested to prove it is adequate under the proposed embankment.

The water table was at or near the ground surface when the site was investigated, so the site may have to be dewatered to strip it.

- B. Centerline Cutoff. A 3 to 4-foot deep normal width cutoff trench with 1:1 side slopes is recommended in the abutments and across the floodplain, except that in the areas where stripping operations remove over 3 feet of organic materials, a cutoff will not be needed. Backfill the cutoff trench with the finer grained materials like the ML sample 70W1230 (135). Place the backfill with moisture contents at or above optimum and compact to a minimum density of 95% of Standard.
- C. Principal Spillway. The proposed location at the base of the left abutment appears to offer the best foundation conditions for the conduit. Bedrock occurs at depths of 5 to 8 feet along the conduit. Pipe elongation calculations based on a 28-foot high embankment (B = 167') over 5 feet of sandy foundation material (soft surface materials removed) with a consolidation potential of 3% shows a horizontal strain of less than 0.003 ft/ft.

Backfill with fine-grained material like the ML sample 70W1230 (135) and compact to a minimum density of 95% of Standard.

D. Drainage. A filter drain is suggested to provide positive seepage control near the downstream toe because of the high piping potential of the sandy and silty foundation materials. A 5 to 6-foot deep trench drain at c/b = 0.6 appears to be sufficient.

A filter gradation like that recommended for Site 2A is suggested if the filter material is on the fine side. See the attached Form SCS-130 for gradation.

- E. Embankment Design. The following are recommended:
  - 1. Selectively place the borrow materials to best utilize their wide range of properties. Place the low-permeability, fine-grained ML materials like Sample 70W1230 (135) wet of optimum in a center section to provide an impervious core. Place the highly permeable SP-SM material like Sample 70W1228 (129) in the downstream section to pull the phreatic line down. Place the SM material like Sample 70W1229 (134) in the upstream section.

2. Compact all embankment materials to a minimum density of 95% of Standard Proctor.

- 3. Provide 3:1 upstream slopes and 2 1/2:1 downstream slopes.
- 4. A 0.5-foot overfill is recommended to compensate for residual settlement after construction is complete.

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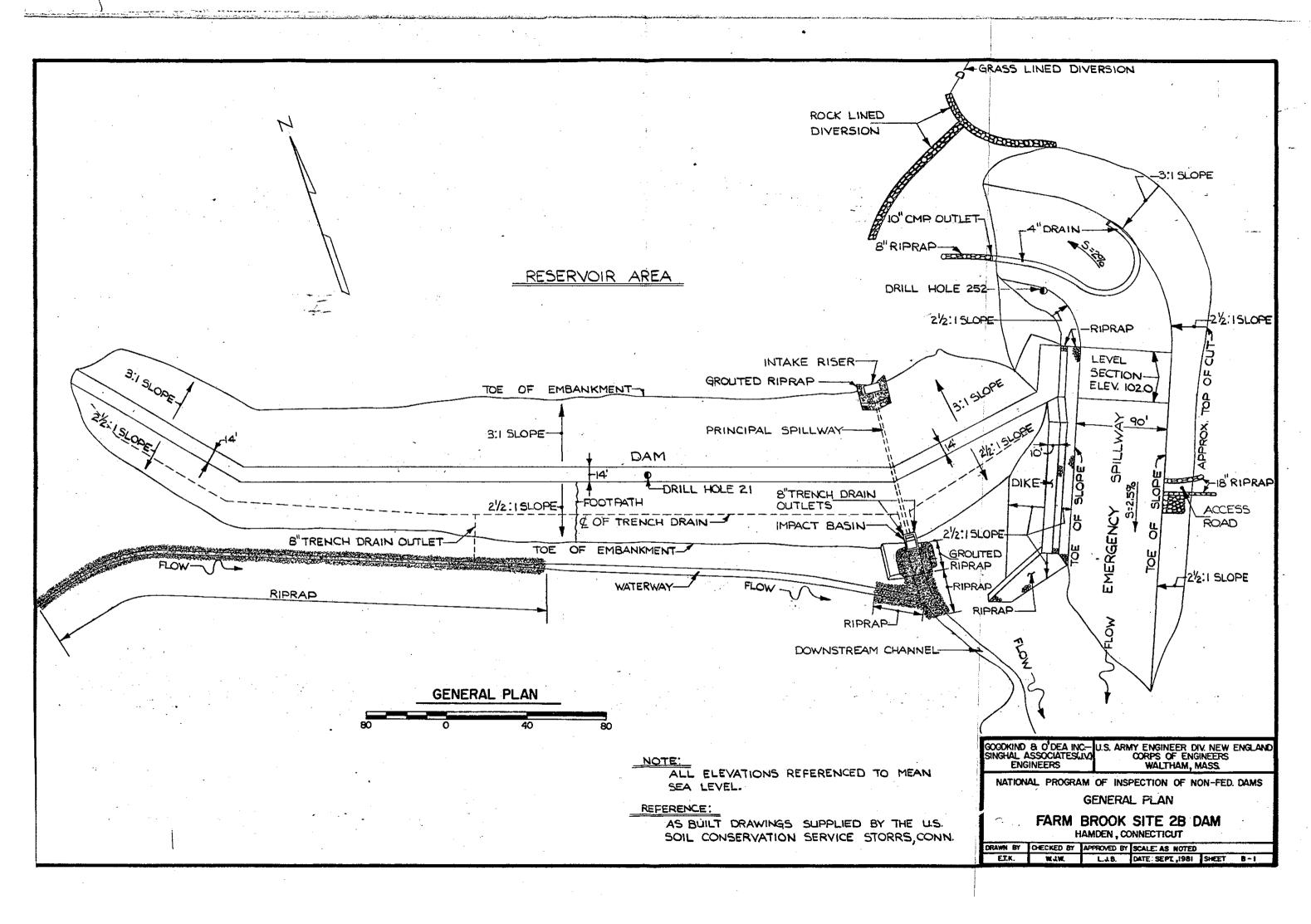
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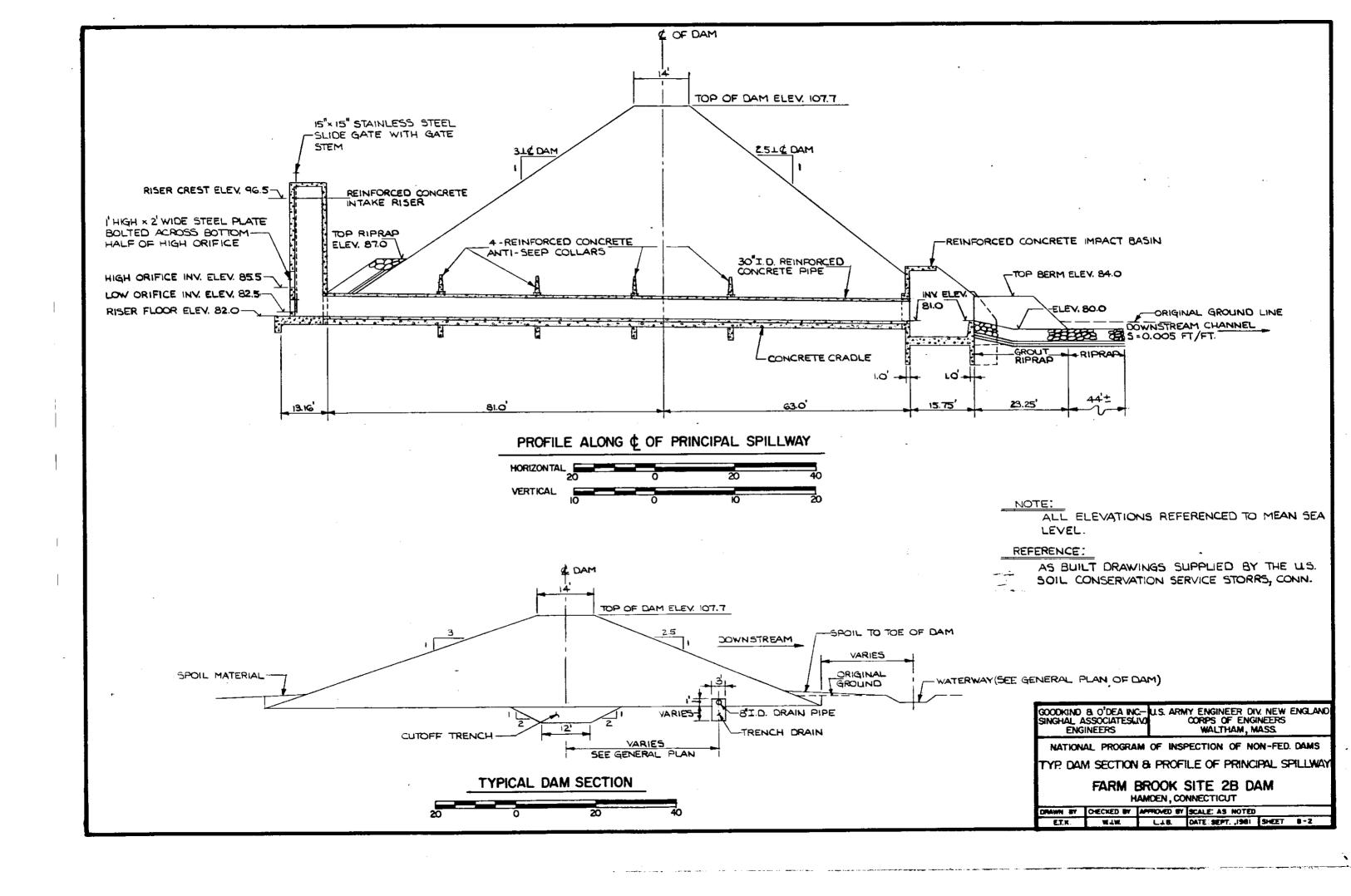
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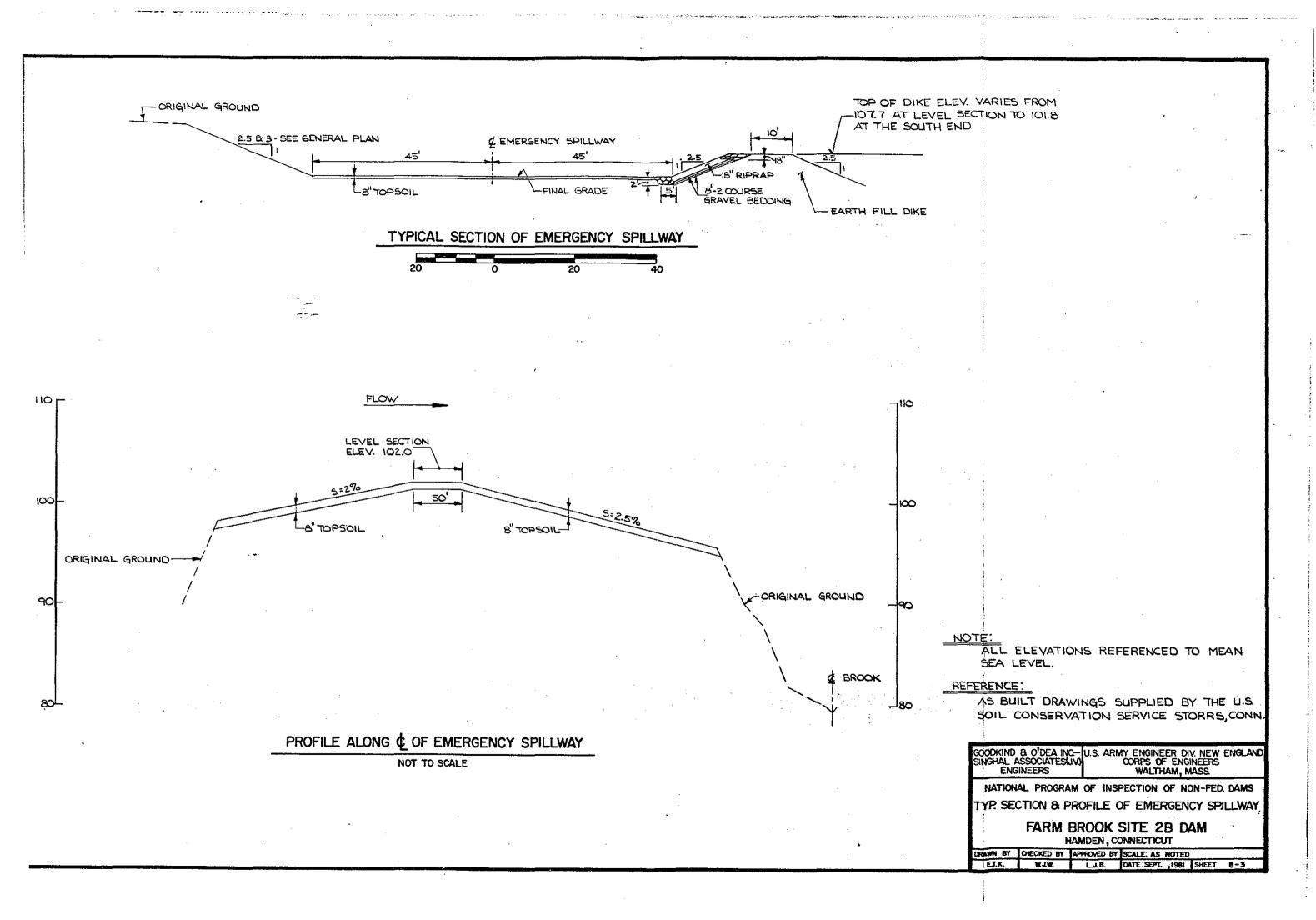
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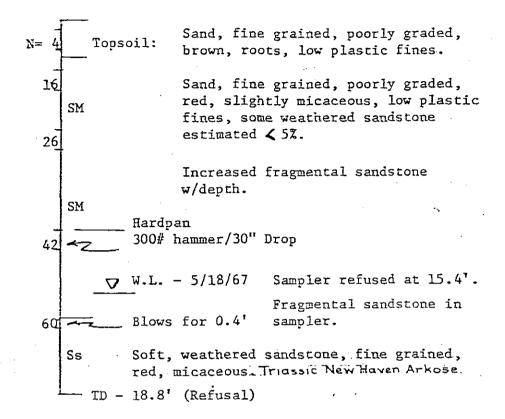


#### DH-21. Elev. 83.3, Sta. 8495, Centerline of Dam

## W.L. - 5/11/67 Sand, fine grained, some fragmental rock, trace of mica, brown-red with mottling. Sand, fine grained with some medium to coarse sizes, red, poorly graded, sandstone and trap fragments. Grains angular to sub-angular. 10=12 k=o No coarse grained sand from 15.0 feet. - 15-17' k = 0.06 ft./daySand, medium grained, red to brown, trace of mica. 20-22 k = 0.12 ft./day Sand, fine to coarse grained, poorly SP-SM graded, red to brown, grains angular, trace of mica. Sand, fine to coarse grained, well graded, red to brown, some mica, \_SW-SM sandstone and trap fragments. From 36.0': Sand, some gravels, probable till, abundant decomposed sandstone, red, fine to coarse grained. TD - 38.0'

#### DH-252, Elev. 110.5, Sta. 5+00\*

#### \*180' U.S. Centerline Dam



#### NOTE:

LIALL ELEVATIONS REFERENCED TO MEAN SEA LEVEL.

2) SEE SHEET B-1 "GENERAL PLAN OF DAM" FOR DRILL HOLE LOCATIONS.

3) SEE AS BUILT DRAWINGS FOR ADDITIONAL SUBSURFACE SOIL DATA.

AS BUILT DRAWINGS SUPPLIED BY U.S. SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE STORRS, CONN.

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## APPENDIX C

DETAIL PHOTOGRAPHS

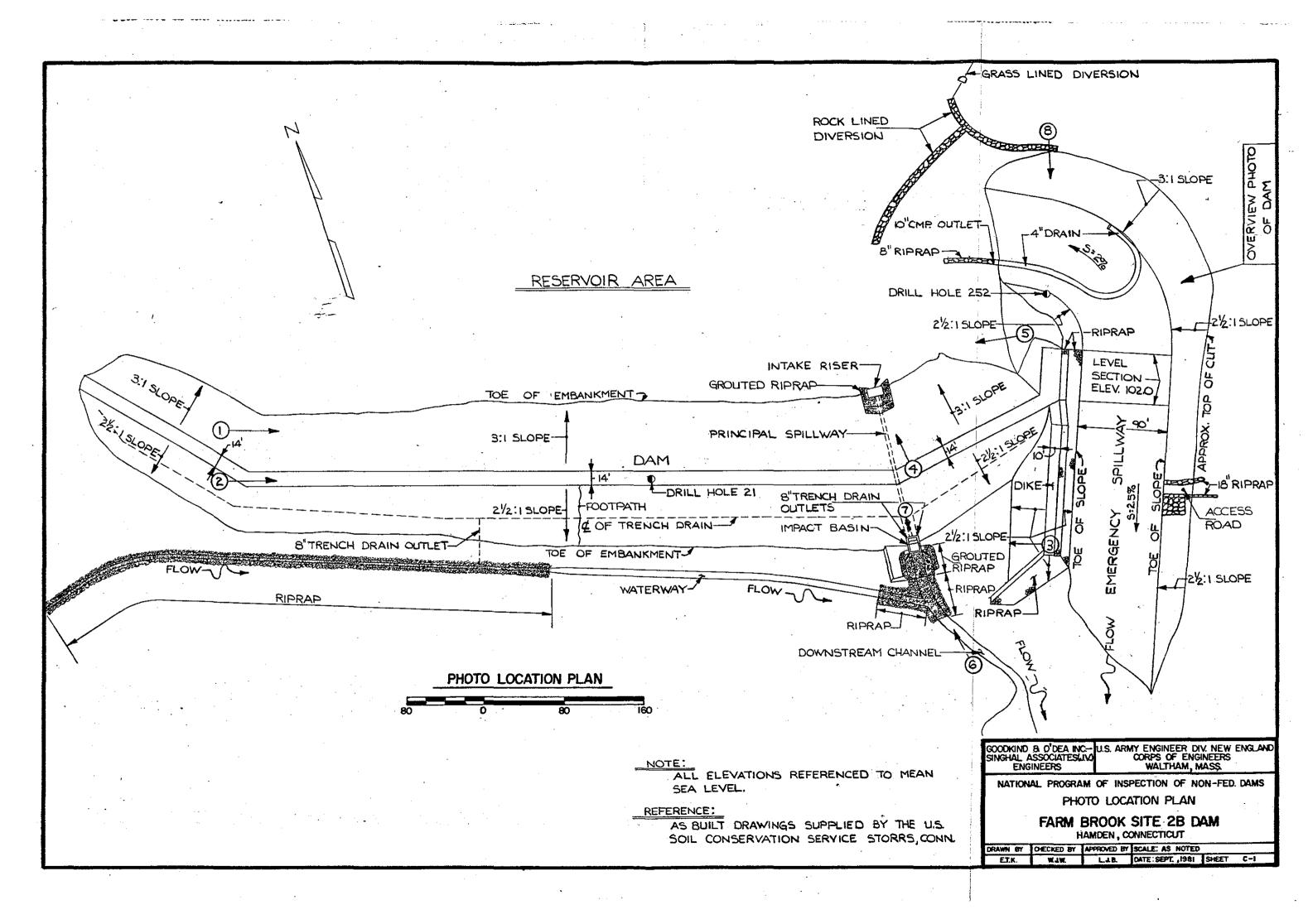




Photo 1 - View of upstream embankment slope looking east



Photo 2 - View of embankment crest looking east. Note vehicular ruts.



Photo 3 - Downstream embankment slope.



Photo 4 - Upstream reservoir area with intake riser in foreground

Note: Photo 3 taken July 23, 1981 Photo 4 taken June 2, 1981



Photo 5 - Reinforced concrete intake riser. Note grouted riprap.



Photo 6 - Reinforced concrete impact basin. Note tilted chain linked fence.

Note: Photos taken June 2, 1981



Photo 7 - Downstream Channel

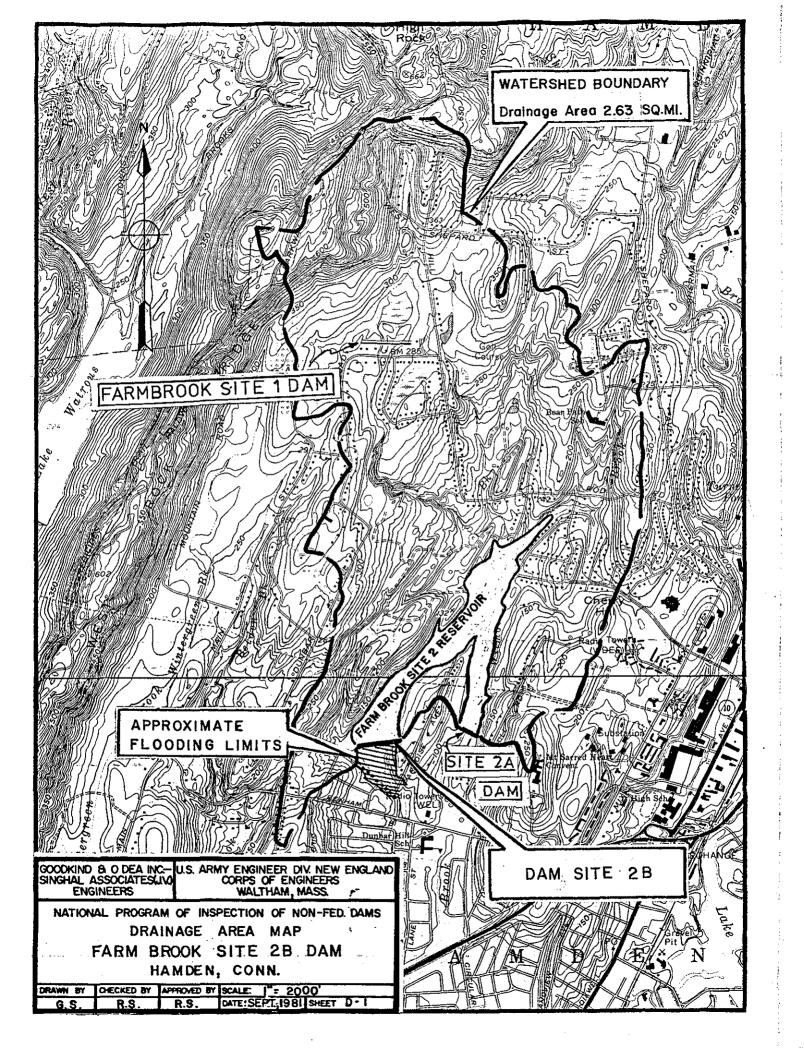


Photo 8 - View of emergency spillway looking south. Note eroded area on crest of dike.

Note: Photos taken June 2, 1981

## APPENDIX D

## HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS



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## TEST- FLOOD

THE PROJECT RECEIVES RUNOFF FROM A DRAINAGE AREA OF 2-63 SQ. MILES. 'THE TERRAIN HAS AN AVERAGE SLOPE OF 4-6%.

FACTOR OF 1500 CFS/SQ.MI BETWEEN 'ROLLING' AND FLAT & COASTAL TERRAIN WAS SELECTED.

RUNOFF = 1500 x 2.63 = 3945 CFS.

ADDING FARMBROOK SITE #1 DAM BRÉACH OUTFLOW OF 2000 CFS

TOTAL PMF. = 3945 +2000 = 5945 SAY GOOD CFS.

SIZE AND HAZARD CLASSIFICATION

MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF DAM = 28 FT.

MAXIMUM IMPOUNDMENT UPTO

TOP OF DAM = 1190 AC.FT.

THE IMPOUNDMENT LIES BETWEEN THE LIMITS

1000 AC. FT. AND 50 000 AC. FT. AS SUCH THE SIZE OF

THE DAM = "INTERMEDIATE" ALTHOUGH THE HEIGHT OF

THE DAM DOES NOT EXCEED 40 FT.

THE HAZARD POTENTIAL IS HIGH DUE TO THE EXISTENCE OF MANY STREETS, ROADS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS THAT WILL BE FLOODED IN THE EVENT OF DAM FAILURE. THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR EXCESSIVE ECONOMIC LOSS IN ADDITION TO LOSS OF MORE THAN FEW, LIVES.

AS PER TABLE 3 PAGES D-12, D-13 OF THE RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR SAFETY INSPECTION OF DAMS"

THE RECOMMENDED TEST FLOOD

= PMF

= 6,000 CFS.

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SPILLWAY CAPACITY (SITE ZA)

THE SPILLWAY AT SITE ZA CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING :

1-30" RC WATER PIPE (INV. 80-0) WITH

ONE 1.25 x 1.25 LOW\_ ORIFICE (INV. 80-5)

ONE 2' x2' HIGH ORIFICE (INV. 83-5)

15 WIDE RISER WEIR (CREST ELEV. 96-5)

I- EMERGENCY SPILLWAY 210 WIDE AT
THE CONTROL SECTION WITH CREST
ELE VATION 102.0

SPILLWAY CAPACITIES AT VARIOUS ELEVATIONS FOR

	SPILLW	AY CAPACITY	CAPACITY (SITE ZA) -CFS	
ELEVATION	PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY	EMERGENCY SPILLWAY Q= 3×210× H	TOTAL	
96.5	100	0	100	
98-0	103	0	103	
99.0	106	0	106	
100.0	109	0	109	
101:0	112	0	112	
105.0	115	0	15	
103.0	117	630	747	
104.0	170	1780	1900	
105.0	122	3273	33 <i>95</i>	
106,0	125	.5040	5165	
107.0	127	7043	7170	
107.7	130	8570	8700	

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## SPILLWAY CAPACITY (SITE ZB)

THE SPILLWAY AT SITE ZB CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

1-30" RC WATER PIPE (INV. 82.0)

ONE 1.25"X1.25" LOW ORIFICE (INV. 82.5)

ONE 1'X2" HIGH ORIFICE (INV. 85.5)

15" WIDE RISER WEIR (CREST ELEV. 96.5)

I- EMERGENCY SPILLWAY 90 WIDE AT THE CONTROL SECTION, WITH CREST ELEV. 102-0

SPILLWAY CAPACITIES AT VARIOUS ELEVATIONS FOR SITE 2B ARE TABULATED BELOW:

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	SPILLWAY C	APACITY SITE	ZB) - CFS
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99.0	106	0	. 106
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102-0	J15	0	115
103.0	117	270	387
104-0	120 /	765	885
105.0	155	1403	1525
106.0	125	7160	2285
107-0	127	3018	3145
107-7	130	3670	3800

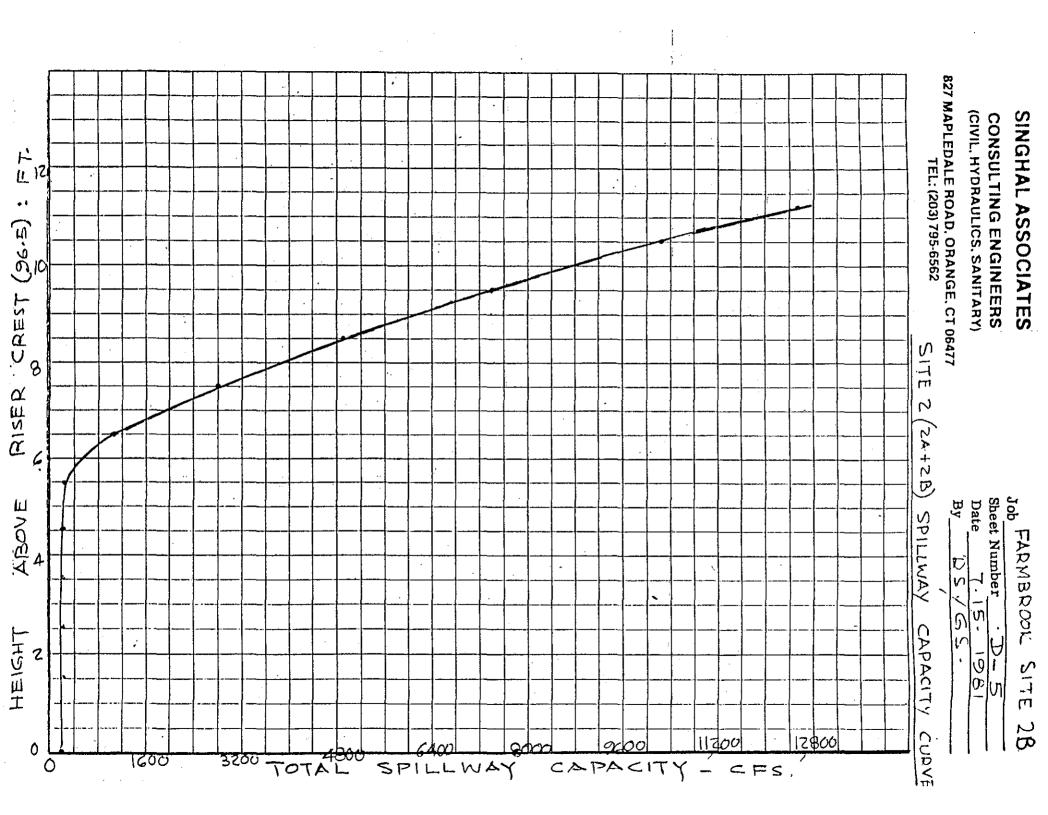
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SITE	2 (	SITE	ZA	+	SITE	ZB)

	SPILLWAY CAPAC	ITY SITES ZA+Z	B (CFS)
ELEVATION	PRINCIPAL SPILL WAYS	EMERGENCY SPILL WAYS	TOTAL
96.5	200 **	0	200
98.0	206	0	206
99-0	212	0	212
100.0	218	0	218
101-0	274	. 0	274
102-0	230	0	530
103.0	234	900	:1134
104-0	240	7,545	2,785
105.0	244	4,676	4970
106.0	250	7,200	7450
107-0	254	10001	10315
107.7	258	12246	12,500



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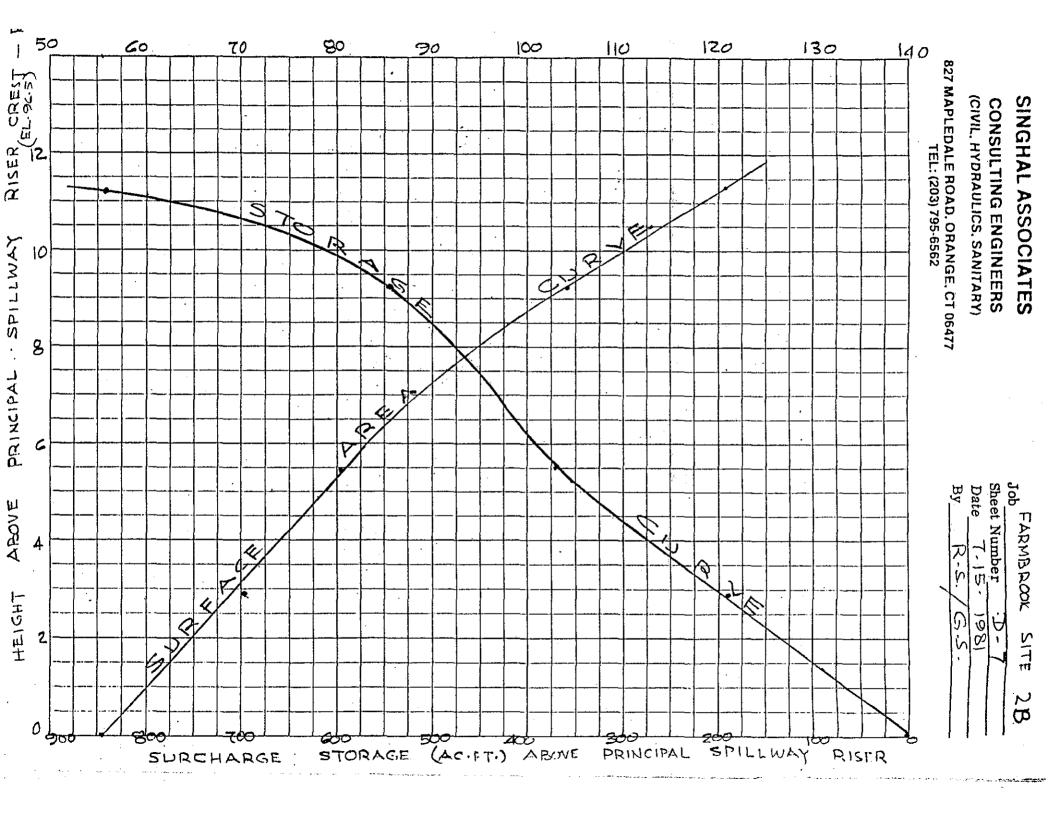
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SURCHARGE STORAGES

AND WATER SURFACE AREAS

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RESERVOIR WATER SURFACE ELEVATION	HEIGHT ABOVE RISER CREST OF EMERGENCY SPILLWAY	WATER SURFACE AREA (ACRES)	SURCHARGE STORAGE CAPACITY (AC-FT.)
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98.0	1.5	63-0	100.0
99.0	े र∙5	68-0	175.0
100.0	3.5	72.0	237.0
101-0	4-5	77-0	310.0
102.0	55	<u>ප</u> ි∙ <i></i>	372:0
103.0	6.5	86.0	4120
104-0	7.5	92.0	450.0
105-0	8.5	98.0	500.0
106.0	9.5	107-0	570.0
107-0	10-5	113.0	675.0
107.7	11.2	150.0	8 42.0



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INFLOW FLOOD HYDROGRAPH

TEST FLOOD (P.M.F.) = 6,000 CFS.

DRAINAGE AREA = 2.63 SQ. MILES.

AS PER 'HYDROLOGY SECTION A S.CS. NATIONAL ENGINEERING HANDBOOK,

$$q_p = \frac{484 \cdot A \cdot Q}{Tp}$$

AND Tb = 2.67 x Tp

WHERE The BASE OF HYDROGRAPH IN HOURS

TP = TIME IN HOURS FROM START OF RISE OF HYDROGRAPH TO ATTAINMENT OF PEAK.

9P PEAK RATE OF RUNOFF IN CFS.

A = DRAINAGE AREA IN SQUARE MILES

Q = TOTAL QUNOFF IN INCHES

SUBSTITUTING KNOWN VALUES OF A Q AND 9p:

$$6,000 = \frac{484 \times 2.63 \times 19}{T_p}$$

FROM WHICH TP = 4 HOURS

AND 
$$T_b = 2.67 \times 4 = 10.7$$
 HOURS SAY II HOURS

THE TRIANGULAR HYDROGRAPH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE HAS BEEN DRAWN ACCORDINGLY.

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## DAM FAILURE FLOOD ROUTING

AS PER CORPS OF ENGINEERS GUIDELINES:

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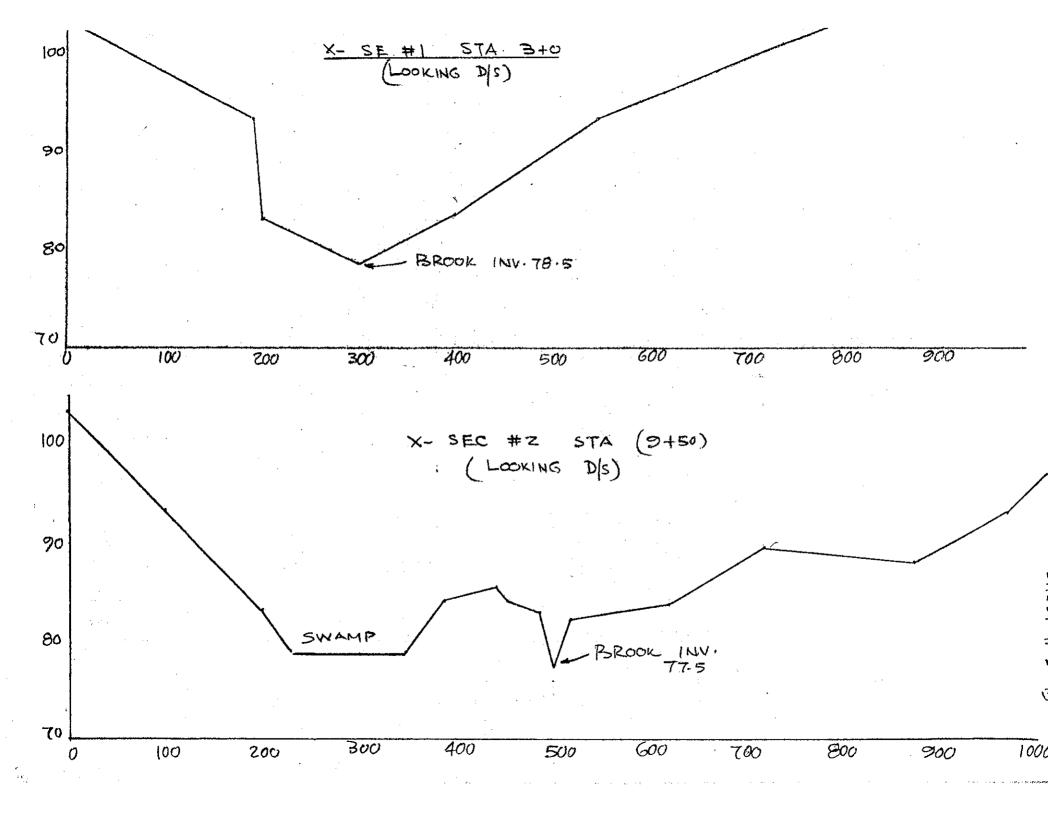
WHERE QPI = DAM FAILURE PEAK OUTFLOW IN CFS.

Wb = BREACH WIDTH = 40% OF DAM LENGTH
AT MID- HEIGHT

YO = HEIGHT FROM STREAM - BED TO POOL LEVEL AT FAILURE (103.8)

SUBSTITUTING THE VALUES OF W6 AND YO AS (0.4 x 1000') AND 27':

 $Q_{P_1} = \frac{8}{27} \cdot (0.4 \times 1000) \times \sqrt{32.2} \times 27^{\frac{3}{2}}$  = 79351 CFS SAY. 94,000 CFS



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# DAM FAILURE FLOOD ROUTING X-SEC. #1 (STA 3+0)

FOR QPI= 94,000 CFS. HI = 25.7 AND AI = 9675 SF.

REACH LENGTH = 300 FT.

STORAGE VOLUME = 300 × 9675 / 43560 = 66.6 AC.FT.

= 0.47" OF RUNOFF

 $Q_{P2} = Q_{P1} \left( 1 - \frac{0.47}{19} \right) = 94,000 \times 0.975 = 91650 \text{ CFS.}$   $H_2 = 25.5'$ AND  $A_2 = 9475$  SF.

STORAGE =  $300 \times 9475 / 43.760 = 65.2$  AC. FT.

AVERAGE STORAGE =  $\frac{1}{2} \left( 66.6 + 65.2 \right) = 65.9$  AC. FT. = 0.47'' OF RUNOFF

 $Qp_3 = Qp_1(1 - 0.47) = 94,000 \times 0.915 = 91650 CFS$ SAY 92,000 CFS

THE ROUTED FLOW BELOW X-SEC. #1

WILL BE = 92,000 CFS. AND

H = 25.5 FT.

POST - FAILURE . FLOOD ELEVATION = 78.5+ 25.5= 104-0

PRE-FAILURE FLOW =  $2370 \times 9\%_{300} = 710 \text{ CFs}$ FLOW - DEPTH = 3.5 FT. AND FLOOD ELEV. =  $78.5^{\circ} + 3.5^{\circ} = 82.0$ 

RISE IN FLOOD STAGE = 104.0 - 82.0 = ZZ-0 FT

NUMBER OF HOUSES FLOODED :

BEFORE FAILURE = 0 AFTER FAILURE = 5

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# DAM FAILURE FLOOD ROUTING X-SEC #Z (STA. 9+50)

FOR QP = 92,000 CFS , H = 19-4 AND A = 9940 SF

REACH LENGTH = 650 FT.

STORAGE VOLUME = 650 x 9940 /43 560 = 148.3 AC.FT. = 1.06" OF RUNOFF

 $Q_{P2} = Q_{P1} \left( 1 - \frac{1.06}{19} \right) = 92,000 \times 0.944 = 88,700 CFS$ 

H2 = 19.0 AND AZ = 9680 S.F.

STORAGE VOLUME = 650x 9680 / 43560 = 144.4 AC-FT.

AVERAGE STORAGE= (148.3+144.4) = 146.4 AC. FT = 1.04" OF RUNOFF

 $Qp_3 = Qp_1(1 - \frac{1.04}{19}) = 92000 \times 0.945 = 87000 CFS$ 

THE ROUTED FLOW BELOW X-SEC. #Z WILL BE 87,000 CFS AND H= 19.0 FT.

POST- FAILURE FLOOD ELEVATION = 7.7.5 + 19.0 = 96.5

PRE FAILURE FLOW = 710 CFS.

FLOW DEPTH = 3.2 FT.

AND FLOOD ELEVATION = 7.7. 5 + 3.2 = 80.7 SAY 81.0

RISE IN FLOOD STAGE = 96.5-81-0 = 15.5

NUMBER OF HOUSED FLOODED:

BEFORE FAILURE = 0

AFTER FAILURE = 5

### APPENDIX E

INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN
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